

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION

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THOMAS M. GOULD  
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REGINALD HOYLE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ACE EXPEDITORS,

Defendants.

No. 05-2726-M1/V

ORDER DENYING LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS  
AND  
ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO PAY THE \$250 CIVIL FILING FEE

Plaintiff Reginald Hoyle filed a pro se complaint pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., on September 30, 2005, along with a motion seeking leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Federal law provides that the "clerk of each district court shall require the parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in such court, whether by original process, removal or otherwise, to pay a filing fee of" \$250. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).<sup>1</sup> To ensure access to the courts, however, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) permits an indigent plaintiff to avoid payment of filing fees by filing an in forma pauperis affidavit. Under that section, the Court must conduct a satisfactory inquiry into the plaintiff's ability to pay the filing fee and prosecute the lawsuit. A

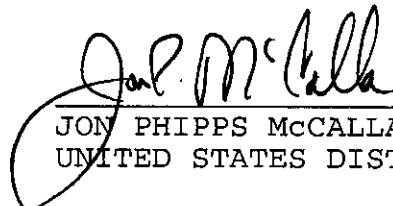
<sup>1</sup> Effective March 7, 2005, the civil filing fee was increased to \$250.

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plaintiff seeking in forma pauperis standing must respond fully to the questions on the Court's in forma pauperis form and execute the affidavit in compliance with the certification requirements contained in 28 U.S.C. § 1746. See, e.g., Reynolds v. Federal Bur. of Prisons, 30 Fed. Appx. 574 (6th Cir. Mar. 11, 2002); Broque v. Fort Knox Fed. Credit Union, No. 86-1896, 1997 WL 242043 (6th Cir. May 8, 1997).

As the plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis contains very minimal information concerning his monthly income, assets, and financial obligations, the Court has no basis for concluding that he is indigent and unable to pay the filing fee or to give security therefore. In particular, the affidavit provides no information about how the plaintiff is supporting himself and no information about his monthly expenses apart from his obligation to pay alimony, maintenance, or child support. Accordingly, the motion to proceed in forma pauperis is DENIED. The plaintiff is ORDERED, within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this order, to pay the \$250 civil filing fee. Failure to timely comply with this order will result in dismissal of this action, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b), for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11 day of November, 2005.

  
JON PHIPPS McCALLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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